THE VNCASING OF MACHIVILS Instructions to his SONNE:

VVith the Answere to the same.

pro cæstu Lectoris. Habent sua fata Libelli.

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MAchiauils rules doe whet the pureſt wits,
And doe expell them from their idle fits:
To wiſemen they ſhewe the worlds follies,
With notice of preuenting deedes vnholies,
Which is the true intent of the Authors meaning.
How euer fooles their iudgements are beſtowing.
Though the beginning doe of harſhneſſe taſte,
And many things are hudled vp in haſt:
And though there be inſtruction to ill,
Good vnderſtanding the ſame doth kill,
And turnes thoſe words vnto the trueſt ſenſe,
Which for thoſe faults doth make a recompence,
As the Anſwere by degrees plainly ſhowes,
What duty to Vertue each creature owes,
Condemne not all till all be throughly paſt,
If firſt be worſt, the beſt is kept till laſt.

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THE VNCASING OF MACHAVILS INSTRVCTION TO HIS SONNE.

COme hether *son*, & learn thy fathers lore,
It is not now as it hath beene before,
For in my youth would no man reade to me
That now in age I can deliuer thee,
If thou wilt be a man of much esteeme,
Be not the same what euer so thou seem,
Speak faire to al, be gentle, curteous, kind,
But let the World know nothing of thy minde,
Let slip no time may be for thine auaile,
Nor trust no friend, for faith begins to faile:
Refuse no gift to fill thy coffers full,
The wisest poore man passeth for a gull.
Be temperate in affect, sober in talke,
And often make a solitarie walke,
Tickle conceits, commit to memorie
For written lines may ly in ieopardie.
Affect no follies, do no quarrels moue,
And if thou loue thy selfe, fall not in loue,
Haue care for all men, conferre with few,
And count faire words to be but as a dew.
Follow the time, finde humors, flatter pride,
And praise the *Groome*, but only please the *Bride*.

Promise enough, but not performe to much:
But with thy betters euermore keepe touch.
Striue not with great ones, meddle not with small,
For trifles trouble not thy selfe with all.
Frequent the Church make shew of great deuotion.
And be not bashfull to receiue promotion.
Looke big at beggers, weare thy clothes neate.
And spend not to much monie at thy meate.
Saue thy *Horse* charges at thy cozens stable,
And take thy trencher at anothers table.
Breake iests on Cowards, but take heed of Knaues.
And loue no *Bawdes*, for they are beastly slaues.
Be perfect in *Arithmeticks* close Art,
In all accounts to make a sauing part.
Stand not to stare vpon a *Peacockes* taile,
Who if he see his legs will stoope his saile.
When Iack-dawes chatter, let their language goe,
Better be silent than to prattle so.
Obserue the *Lion*, but do not sturre the *Beare*,
And loue the *Wolfe*, but onely for his haire,
Learne of the *Asse* to beare, the *Dog* to wait,
And of the *Ape* to counterfeit conceit.
Catch not at *flies*, they are but *Swallowes* foode,
But loue the meat that nourisheth the blood:
Feed like a *Wolfe* on blood, while it is warme
He is a foole that feeles anothers harme.
Yet seeme as kinde, as she that seemes to cry
To see him sicke, that she could wish to dye.
Take heed of interest, gage no land
And from assurance euer keepe thy hand.
Take no mans word, for coine is harde to get,
And tis a custome now to pay no debt,
Learne to get riches by the beggers purse:
The *Fox* fares best when *Geese* begin to curse,

Worke all the weeke for profit euery way,
Keepe conscience only for the holy day.
Prie into trades, to traffike, traine and tricke,
And liue not by the dead, but by the quick,
And if thou be a *Courtier*, know thy place:
But do not serue for onely shew of grace,
But let thy profit answere thy expence,
Least want do proue a wofull patience,
And thou do proue the prouerbe often tolde,
A careleſſe *Courtier* yong, a *Begger* olde.
If that thou be a *Scholler* and canst preach,
And knoweſt how the vnlearned sort to teach,
Let neuer conscience at thy profit knock,
But share thy *Sheepe*, and fleece another flocke,
For be thou poore, what e're thy preaching be,
Thy Parish will not care a pin for thee.
If that thou be a *Souldier*, serue for fame,
But let thy golden pay maintaine the same,
For he that spendes more than he gets in fight,
Will be a begger though he be a knight.
If that thou be a *Lawier* know thy right,
But keepe thy *Client* in a cunning plight,
For how canst thou a heartie pleading hold,
If that thy tongue be not well tipt with gold,
And rich attir'd, thou shalt haue roome to stand
To plead thy case, what e're thou hast in hand,
But barely clad, and in a poore arraie,
Thou mai'st perhaps haue hearing at doomes day;
For though the Law be right, and Iudge be iust,
Yet with the rich, the begger must not thrust.
If that thou be a *Marchant* know thy trade,
And of thy wares what reckning may be made,
And be not lauish in a leude expence,
Least bankrupt proue a bad experience,

If that thou be a *Craftſ-man* know thy paines,
And let no *Alehouſe* eate out all thy gaines,
For if expence aboue thy gettings goe,
Thou wilt be quickly in the beggers roe.
What ſaies the craftie *Clowne* in clowted ſhooes,
Time was ordain'de to get and not to looſe.
What though the poore lye ſtaruing in the ditch?
It is the dearth of Corne makes *Farmers* rich,
Weare not thy ſhooes to ſhort, nor cloake to long,
Vſe thy friend well, but do thy ſelfe no wrong.
Abandon fooles, make much of cunning wits,
But fauour moſt, that moſt thy profit fits,
Sit not vp to late, except it be for gaine
For want of ſleepe is hurtfull for the braine,
Goe not to *Sea*, whiles thou mai'ſt liue on land,
Leaſt ſcaping rockes, thou fall vpon a ſand.
Be ſociable in euery companie,
But haue no hand in any villanie,
„ If thou finde humors to paſſe reaſons race,
„ Depart in time, let others take thy place,
„ Such companions better loſt than found
„ Vaine humored wits cannot be very ſound,
„ Though for thy gaine, thou kindly doſt intreate them,
„ Yet know thy time, when and how to reiect them.
Be conuerſant with ſtrangers, learne languages,
Sound their eſtates, and note their carriages,
Know their ſeuerall warres, their worth and praiſes,
But trouble not thy head with vaine deuices.
„ Doe thou ſeuerely looke to euery action,
„ And let their errors yeeld thee ſatisfaction,
„ That thou by them mai'ſt eaſily ſeeke to riſe,
„ In doing this the rich will hold thee wiſe.
Aime ſtill at profit, howſoeuer it growes,
Make the winde ſerue whereſoeuer it blowes,

„ Then cheerely hoist vp saile, and on apace
„ Labouring so that thou arriue with grace.
„ Then welcome home, if crownes thou hast good store,
„ But wanting that respectlesse euermore,
„ No pennie no *paternoster* men cry,
„ And that pouerty partes good company.
„ These prouerbs old, thou seest are very true.
„ If thou hast wealth, what miserie can insue?
„ All men will then grace thee with cap and knee,
„ And praise thy life, how vilde so ere thou bee,
For tis this wealth, this profit and this gaine,
That dies the colour euermore in graine.
Learne thou the *Physitian*, and the *Lawiers* fee
And for thy profit speake as faire as hee:
Promise the one good speede, the other good health,
In any course t'is good to gather wealth.
„ Men must not liue these daies by foolish pittie,
„ In getting coyne, accounted very wittie,
Learne all diseases and their seuerall cures,
And care not what the patient heart endures,
But giue him one day griefe, another ease,
Not as his patience, but as his purse doth please,
„ It is not sighes, nor sobs, nor pinching paine
„ Thou must respect, when that thou seek'st for gaine,
„ Let them greeue, chafe, and euermore be fretting,
„ So thou by them mai'st happely be getting,
Learne cards and dice, and euery cheating play,
That may bring in thy profit any waie.
Learne thou to stop a carde, or cog a die,
But shift it clenly from the gamesters eye,
At ruffe and trump note thou the dealers rubs
There is no pack without the Knaue of Clubs.
„ Pittie not when thou hast caught the connie
„ Oh! how sweet it is to share the monie?

„ It makes good cheere, and welcomes many a gueſt
„ Vnto a ſtately houſe, a ſtately feaſt,
„ And brings content, whiles pittie ſits and pines
„ In griefe and paine, and many hungrie ſines,
„ When louely wealth in *Iouiall* ſpirit ſings,
„ Soring aloft with richeſt golden wings,
„ Commanding all thoſe vaſſals poore and baſe,
„ And euer ſeated in the higheſt place,
„ With pleaſure feeding on the daintieſt fare,
„ And all delights accounted very rare,
„ With *Muſike* ſweet, much mirth and iollity,
„ With gallant ſportes and merie companie:
„ Thinke on theſe, and do but rightly weigh them,
„ Thriſe happy he, ſo happy hath them.
„ Be carefull then, that ſomething may come in,
„ Though ſome repine thou need'ſt not care a pin;
„ For when thoſe meanes vnto thy coffer ſends,
„ A Pot or a Pinte makes a foole amendes;
„ Yet beſtow not this, nor any elſe vpon him,
„ Except to gaine ſome greater matter by him,
„ Seeke any meanes or courſe, that may inrich thee,
„ The richeſt ſort then kindly will imbrace thee.
Dandle the childe, grow inward with the *Nurſe*,
And thinke no beggerie baſe that fils the purſe.
„ Be not ouer nice, nor coy mongſt proude ones,
„ Humor them, and flatter thou the ſmall ones,
„ That they as inſtruments may ſerue thy turne.
„ Stand farther of when thou beginſt to burne.
„ Haue conference with as many as requires it,
„ And be merrie with thoſe that deſire it,
„ But ſtill be ſure, to keepe thy tongue from prating,
„ Which is moſt baſe, and breedeth euer hating,
„ Truſt not to farre, though promiſes be made,
Leaſt that the ſubſtance turne vnto a ſhade.

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„ Great dangers lie in shewes of seeming kinde,
„ He is a foole lees all men know his minde:
„ First trie, then trust, according to thy pleasure,
„ Be pleasing to all, yet all within a measure.
Laugh with the *Letcher*, at maidens bashfulnesse,
And with the chaste, at fleshes filthinesse,
And with the spend-thrift, at the *Misers* bags,
And with the *Miser*, at the beggers rags.
„ And with the *Glutton*, at poore hungrie cheare,
„ And with the hungrie, at a plentious yeare.
„ And with the learned, at a simple wit,
„ And with the foolish, at a frenzie fit.
„ And with the craftf men, when they are deceiuing,
„ So that some thing to thee may be sharing,
Learne all Religions, be of euery Sect,
And chiefly to thy profit haue respect.
„ Let conscience knock, care not for that at all.
„ If thou hast coine, no matter who do fall:
For this same conscience is so poore and bare,
That most she shifts amongst the beggers share,
„ Induring hunger cold, and bitter stormes,
„ Reprochfull termes, with many hurts and harmes;
„ Coursely clad, all rags, and worne asunder,
„ And worst of all, basely still kept vnder:
„ In meane estate, help-lesse still remaining,
„ Of better sorts euermore disdaining.
In sum, of what estate so ere thou be,
Learne to be rich, for that will hold with thee:
„ What matter though men point at thy follie,
„ Thou mai'st with the purest seeme as holie:
„ With yea and nay, verely and indeed,
„ With demurest lookes with them good speede,
„ Which is a cloake sufficient for thy euill,
„ Almost able to deceiue the *Deuill*.

„ And accuſe them, that ſaie thou offereſt wrong,
„ Such cruell deedes to wicked doth belong.
„ This is the courſe, in humoring euery ſect,
„ A better meanes thy profit to reſpect.
„ Of theſe pure-ons, learne to diſſemble ſoe,
„ Thine ſhall be the profit, whoſe're the woe,
Perſwade a Slaue he is halfe a Gentleman,
Though he drop out of a dripping pan:
It is no matter if his purſe can beare it,
His raſcall pride will neuer bluſh to heare it.
„ Extoll a foole, and he will ſtill be grinning,
„ No matter what, ſo thou by him be winning.
Perſwade a *Clowne*, that he is halfe a *Knight*,
And that his wealth deſerues the place aright;
And his Maid-marrian with her wain-ſcot-face,
Might be a *Lady* but for lack of grace,
And make her thinke that ſhe is halfe a *Queene*,
Or ſcarce on earth is ſuch another ſeene,
For vertue, bewtie, wit, ſhape and feature,
Though God he knowes that ſhe is no ſuch creature:
But if ſhe doe applaud it tis no matter,
He is a foole, for profit cannot flatter.
Time is not now to trifle or dandle,
For gaine, fore the *Deuill* hold a candle:
And holde it as a Deed that's wiſely done,
Or as a prize that's brauely wone.
Commend a *Souldier* when he is in Crownes,
And ſware a *Knight* muſt gouerne ouer *Clownes*,
In manie a camp how he his Caske did beare,
Although poore Coward he did ne're come there.
But yet thy flatterie be ſure ſo to frame,
Thine may be the gaine, though his the ſhame.
„ If thou findeſt him ſimple, with monie ſtore,
I hope thou wilt finde wit to make him poore.

„ Then

„ Then smiling say, I pittie your estate,
„ It is not with you now, as twas of late:
„ But be content, no doubt but God will send,
„ With this depart, his monies thine to spend,
„ Then see thou meete him not in any case,
„ Nor come not in where he shall be in place,
„ Least to expence, he after seekes to driue thee,
„ Or by some meanes borrowes monie of thee,
„ Tut: let him shift, say thou thy mon'is gone,
„ Care not thou at all, though he make his mone:
„ But wish him well, as most men now doe vse,
„ Finde any meanes that may thy purse excuse:
„ Let men be lauish, and commend them too,
„ Say t'is brauely done, but feede on them too.
„ Bee sure of this, and do't in any case.
„ Looke well about, that thou hast time and place,
„ Least that some *Machiauill* chance to spie it,
„ Discloseth all, to gaine something by it.
Commend the *Lawier*, and his studious reading.
Admire his iudgements and extoll his pleading,
But flatter so, that if he get a fee,
Thou mai'st haue out a share as well as thee.
„ Be plotting so that still thou mai'st be getting;
„ Few *Lawiers* griue at their clients fretting.
„ To sue in *Forma pauperis* t'is in vaine,
„ When (most *Lawiers*) poore sutors do disdaine.
„ They must be humored, sued and sought to still,
„ And all things else obedient to their will:
„ That this is true, thou daily mai'st behold,
„ How deerely they esteeme a fee of gold.
Follow a *Bishop* with a world of praise,
And make him as the load-starre of the daies,
Admire him, and extoll him to the skies;
But so that thou maist get a *Benefies*,

A good *Vicarage*, Cure or some such
As will returne thee profit small or much:
„ Looke too't in time, strike whiles the iron's hot,
„ Vse no delay where wealth is to be got.
„ You know that seruice is no heritage:
„ What boot's a man to stand on parentage?
„ But looke to the maine chance, t'is that must hold,
„ He's accounted wel borne, that hath much gold,
„ To serue in hope, is but a *Beggers* fee,
„ And such rewards most masters vse you see,
„ Or after two or three yeares seruice turne thee off,
„ And for thy seruice done, bestow a scoff.
„ Or if perhaps, thou serue till thou grow olde,
„ Happy if an *Almes-house* thine age can hold,
„ This is the flinty course of this our age,
„ This is the time brings humors in a rage:
„ Then list in time, serue not except for gaine,
„ Let masters feele the toile of seruants paine:
„ Serue not those, whose senses haue no feeling,
„ Or those that with leaden hands are giuing.
„ Applaude them not with curteous reuerence,
„ When they are so farre from due beneuolence.
„ Scorne his blew coate, his cognisence and all,
„ That shall reioice in a poore seruants fall.
Commend a *Marchant*, honour his aduenture,
Who gets his wealth by danger, not indenture.
Commend his trade, his traffike and his truth,
The honour of his age, and toile of youth:
„ Say how you haue heard him much commended,
„ And with worthie art himselfe defended,
„ Gainst forraine foes, by Land and Seas,
„ And smoothely slipt it of himselfe to please:
But withall be sure to flatter soe,
That to thy purse, some piece of money grow.

Or

Or on his boord, thy trencher to be laid,
Or borrowed monie neuer to be paid.
And till (what-lack yee) that he lackes no wit,
And for his head, that he deserues to sit
On higher seates than Church-wardens stooles,
For he hath more wit, than a world of fooles;
But yet in feeding of his idle vaine,
Be sure to pick out some od priuie gaine.
„ It is a follie then to stand on nicenesse,
„ For that, at such times is counted baseneſse.
„ Thou must boldly looke vp and seeme merrie,
„ When profit comes in, who can be wearie?
„ Refuse nothing that comes in any way,
„ It is a bad thing serues not another day.
A *Rapier*, *Dagger*, *Stockings*, *Boots* or *Shoes*,
Somewhat doth well though beggers must not chuse,
„ If one giue thee *Venison*, what needest thou care
„ How he came by it, so it mend thy fare?
„ Stand not to question in any case,
„ He may thinke thou mean'st to seeke his disgrace,
„ By telling abroad to strangers vnknowne,
„ How he had *Venison*, though none of his owne.
„ Alwaies looke to thy tongue, no more but mum,
„ Euer be silent, so any thing come:
„ Yet know thy time, when to speake, when to spare,
„ Keeping this course, accounted very rare.
Tell mistris minkes, shee that keepes the shop,
Shee is a *Ship* that beares a gallant top,
Shee is a Lady for her louely face,
And her countenance hath a Princes grace,
„ And that her beautie hath inthrald thee soe,
„ Except shee yeelds remorse, shee workes thy woe;
„ Then cast thine eye vpon her beautious cheeke,
„ Protesting that thou neuer saw'st the like:

» Her smooth forehead, and her comly dressing;
» Her louely Breasts, cause loues increasing;
» Her *Iuorie* teeth, her lip and chin;
» Her snow white hand, the like was neuer seene;
» Her leg and foote, with her gate so comlie;
» Her apparels worne so neate and seemely.
» Thus o're worne with care, thou mai'st seeme to be,
» Till thou hast made her proude herselfe to see.
» Then she nods the head with smiling fauor,
» That thou should'st bestow, such loue vpon her;
Then bite the lip, winke and hang the head,
And giue a sigh, as though thy heart were dead;
And shew strange passions of affections sence,
That she may pittie loue sirreuerence:
» Wishing her selfe worthie of thy fauor,
» Which is a meanes to gaine some thing by her.
Thus let the issue of this cunning be,
That from her purse, some profit come to thee,
A peece of *Sattin*, *Fustian* or some *Stuffe*;
A *Falling-band*, or a three *Double-ruffe*;
A *Hat*, a *Shirt*, a *Cloack-cloath* or a *Ring*,
Knines, *Purses*, *Gloues*, or some such prettie thing,
Some-what hath some sauour, t'is this gaine,
That still inuention giues his sweetest vaine.
» It cheares a bodie weake, and comfort sends,
» To any one that's ill or voide of friends,
» It brings the infant vp, for want might pine,
» Els, Charitie small comfort would resigne:
» To middle age, it norisheth the blood,
» And giues them all, and all that may be good:
» And aged men, it luls them fast a sleepe,
» Whose youth tooke care, this pretious gem to keepe.
» Be carefull then how thou keepe this by thee,
» Least when thou wantest, it quite forsake thee,

» And

„ And leaue thee to wander, ſtill reiected;
„ My Boy looke too't and ſeeke to preuent it.
Why tell a *Cobler* he is halfe a King,
When on his patches, he can ſit and ſing,
And knock his laſt, and whet his cutting knife,
There is no kingdome to a merrie life.
„ A light heart lightly beares the bell away,
„ When mightie men findes cares, though clothed gay:
But yet in telling of this idle tale,
Be ſure at leaſt to get a pot of *Ale*;
„ Or ſome thing elſe that hath a feeling ſence,
„ Take any thing as part of recompence:
„ And ſeeme very thankefull, till better comes,
„ Sith many ſmall things ad to greater ſummes.
For this ſame nothing, brings no world about,
Better play ſmall game than be cleane ſhut out.
If that thy wife be faire, and thou but poore,
Let her ſtand like a picture at thy doore:
Where though ſhe do but pick her fingers ends;
Faire eies, fond lookes, will gaine a world of friends.
„ Taske her not to worke, if ſhe be prettie;
„ Bid her forbeare, her toyle makes thee pittie:
„ Shee may with eaſe, haue meanes for greater gaines,
„ With rich rewards, and pleaſure for her paines.
Play at bo-peepe, ſee me and ſee me not;
It comes off well that is ſo cloſely got,
And euermore ſay, aye? well fare the vent,
That paies the charges of the houſe and rent.
„ Come, come, tis no matter, berul'd by this,
„ The fineſt Dames doth ſome times do amiſſe:
„ Yet walke demure, like puritants indeede,
„ And earely riſe to a *Sermon* for a neede;
„ And make great ſhew of deuouteſt praier,
„ When ſhe only goes to meete her louer,

„ Turning backe, poore foole desires the text,
„ Shee tels him any thing that cometh next:
„ And turning o're the leafe to reade the verse,
„ Scarse for laughing, one word can rehearse:
„ But prettily turnes it off with some ieſt;
„ He beares with all, he knowes it is his beſt.
„ If that thy wife be olde, thy *Daughters* yong,
„ And faire of face, and of a fluent tongue:
„ If by her sutors siluer may be had;
„ Beare with small faults, the good will helpe the bad.
„ Be not too seuere, time may mend their faults;
„ He is a foole before a cripple haults:
„ Or he that findes a fault where gaine comes in,
„ Tis pittie but his cheekes should e're look thin:
„ What though thou knowst that vice doe gaine it all;
„ Will vertue helpe, when thou beginst to fall?
„ This is no world for vertuous men to thriue;
„ Tis worke enough to keepe thy selfe aliue.
„ Let Wife and Daughters loue, to make thee wealthie;
„ Thou knowst that gold will seeke to make thee healthie.
If thy maid-seruants, be kinde hearted wenches;
And closely make kinde bargins on the benches,
„ Let them haue libertie, loue and pleasure;
„ All these are helpes to bring in thy treasure:
„ Let them laugh and be merrie, it yeelds content;
Thei'le humor all, till all their coyne is spent.
If by their pleasures, may thy profit grow;
Winke at a wanton, who hath not beene so.
Make loue to twentie wenches in one day;
But let no poore lasse leade thy heart away,
„ For that's in vaine, thy labour then is loſt;
„ Such idle loue, can neuer quit thy coſt;
„ It brings a chardge and fends a heauie clog,
And makes thy life, as seruile as a dog;

„ From

„ From house to house, thou shalt be haunted then,
„ And cleane exempt, from the loue of men.
„ A plague that's worse, shee's iealous euer-more:
„ This the true course of a loue that's poore:
„ Or if by chance, her *Husband* wealth doth gaine,
„ Shee straight growes proud, which is a beastly vaine:
„ Thus wealth and ease, cannot with such agree;
„ Then let them passe my sonne, be ruled by me:
But where thou find'st, good store of land or gold;
There lay closely to purchase a free-hold.
„ Clap her a boord, and brauely hoise vp saile,
„ Shoot her in the poop, *Duck* baue at thy taile,
„ The Prize is thine owne, thou hast got it faire,
„ Thou must be briefe then in getting an heire.
And be not squemish, at a nice conceipt,
That may perswade thee from a pleasing baite.
„ Stand not like a *Woodcocke* sneking in the cold,
„ But set it out, with a grace and be bold:
„ To make thy selfe simple, with shew of want,
„ Or that thy meanes at all, growe verie scant,
„ Godnight *Nichole*, thy friends will be packing;
„ Or by vilde disgrace, thy credit racking.
„ These are the pleasures of a poore estate,
„ Be rich then if thou can'st possible hate, (them,
„ Keep good clothes on thy backe, and nearely weare
„ What want soeuer comes, doe not pawne them:
„ For once being gotten in the *Deuils* iawes,
„ He will surely keepe them in with his pawes.
„ If thy *Apparrell* be something cleanly:
„ Though in thy purse thou hast neu'r a penny:
„ Men may in some measure it esteeme thee
„ And a farther grace, happily giue thee.
„ Doe not seeme base, though penilesse thou art:
„ But looke about, of whom to get a part.

„ Then make much of that, and keepe it closely;
„ Seeke for treasure, and keepe it wisely:
Get all contentment that the world can giue,
For after death, who knoweth how we liue.
Strange things are spoken, and beleeue the best,
And leaue the worst, I leaue thee to the rest.
„ Stumble not at a straw, nor leape o're a block:
„ Leaue not things at randome, keepe all vnder lock:
„ Things may be missing, but when tis gone,
„ It is a common speech that they saw none;
„ Be finding still, but let thy losse be small,
„ Yet haue respect vnto thy selfe with all.
„ Be not among'st Theeues, but when thou find'st them sha-
„ Nor with a miserable wretch that's sparing. (ring:
„ Come not neere a *Brothell* house, for letchery,
„ Those damned *Queanes* are full of trechery.
„ Part not a fray, except thou find'st great reason.
„ Go not il shod in a winter season.
„ Be not to forwards to go in the raine,
„ Except it be for profit or thy gaine.
„ When sikneſſe comes few friends are euer found;
„ Looke to thy selfe that thou be whole and sound,
„ And be not careleſſe which way thou doſt walke,
„ Nor care too much with idle braines to talke.
Come not within the verdict of a Iury,
Nor yet neere a tirant in his fury.
„ Giue faire words to the watch, the'il let thee passe;
„ Giue the Constable thankes, thinke him an *Asse*.
„ Promise monie when thou passeth through the *Gate*;
„ But on my blessing neuer let him h'ate.
„ Beare with a *Tapster*, though his cans be frothie;
„ But raile on a *Broker* whose clothes are mothie.
„ Carmen and Porters are —— approued,
„ And most Watermen are very dogged,

„ Yet

„ Yet giue them faire words, if thou canst gaine them,
„ Else bid *Deri*—— say Lord haue mercie on them.
„ What though thy horse, by the Hostler is nipt,
„ It is a true Hostler, that hath not so beene tript.
„ But to make him amends, run in his score
„ If thou paiest him ile counsell thee no more,
„ *Bayliffes* and *Seriants*, keep without their reach,
„ And without the verge of a priuie search.
„ Auoide warrants, they are dangerous thinges:
„ Looke to thy profit, that some comfort brings,
Plot for a pudding or peece of souce:
The slie Cat would not watch but for the Mouse.
The Fox would neuer hunt, but for his pray?
And work-men but for gaine, would play all day.
It is this wealth, this profit and this gaine:
That makes the labourer sing away his paine.
„ It makes widowes forget their husbands lately dead,
„ It is the cause they so soone againe doe wed.
„ If thou wo'st a widow, in time begin:
„ Or else thy wooing is not worth a pin.
„ If thou be slow to speake, as one I knew,
„ Thou would'st assure thy selfe, my counsels true,
„ Hee (to late) finding her vpon her knees
„ In Church where yet her husbands coorse she sees.
„ Hearing the *Sermon* at his funerall,
„ Longing to behold his buriall.
„ This sutor being toucht, with inward loue;
„ Approched neare, his louely sute to moue,
„ Then stooping downe, he whispered in her eare
„ Saying he bore her loue as might appeare
„ In that so soone he shewed his loue vnto her,
„ Before any else did approach to woe her.
„ Alasse (saith shee) your labour is in vaine
„ Last night a husband, I did entertaine.

„ Yet your kind offer, I take in good part,
„ And had entertain'd you with all my heart,
„ If you had come, in any time vnto me,
„ But he at my husbands death did woe me:
„ Then speake in time, if profit comes thereby,
„ Or else many dangers therein may lie.
If thou be rich, and hat'st anothers pride:
That he may goe on foot, while thou do'st ride.
Find meats to feed, his swelling humor so,
That high conceit may aboue compasse go;
Till fortunes frownes, his folly so doth checke;
That *Male-content* may after breake his necke.
Then lay in for his Lands, his goods and place;
But still be sure to keepe thy selfe in grace.
„ There are many rubs twixt thee and the Iacke,
„ Therefore throw home thy cast and be not slack:
„ Yet out-throw it not, least thou loose the cast,
„ So standers by will reioyce at thy haste:
„ And betting say, that thou shalt loose the game,
„ Which is to thy disgrace and vtter shame.
„ Looke to thy selfe, thou be not wrong'd by any.
„ Promote thy selfe, though thou displace a many:
But if thou be'st not vp, but seek'st to rise,
Step by degrees, and in thy steps be wise:
„ Doe not desire to stride two staiers at once,
„ Diuers men will suffer thee for the nonce,
„ And will reioyce to see thee breake thy shin,
„ Then thinke how men reioice when that they win:
„ Standers by, discerne more then gamsters can,
„ Disdaine not the kindnesse of any man.
„ Thou maist as easily, speake faire words as foule, not?
„ Be not a foole, when that thou makest the shot:
„ Foule words corrupt good manners it is said;
Of backe-biting slaues euer be affraid,

„ Regard

„ Regard not their kindnes, though it be great,
„ That ſhall hit thee in the teeth, with a meales meat:
„ Thinke him not true, that ſuch baſenes doth hold,
„ Who ſecrets in corners loues to vnfold.
„ Auoide them in time, there hate is much;
„ Yet they will ſeeme, as though they were not ſuch:
„ And no doubt giue faier words vnto thy face;
„ Alaſſe, alaſſe, it is a heauie caſe.
„ Preuent them then, and care not for their hate,
„ It boots not to ſee the forme where ſhe ſate;
„ Haddie-wiſt comes to late, hold time before;
„ Runne not to deep in thy Hoſtes ſcore:
„ Depart in time, when ſhe the ſhot is making,
„ And faine ſome buſines at thy departing:
„ Tis good to offer to pay, when that thou haſt it:
„ If once offered backe, looke that thou keep'ſt it,
„ And giue him thankes, vntil the next meeting:
„ Thus by degrees ſtill thou muſt be getting.
Refuſe no ſeruice be it ne're ſo baſe:
By any meanes may bring thee into grace,
And make no conſcience to attend on ſin,
To keepe the doore, where *Deuils* dance within,
„ Mong'ſt all kind of people (for gaine) men thruſt,
„ Loue no Iron blades they will but ruſt,
„ And turne the edge, when thou ſhould'ſt vſe them,
„ I prethee be wiſe, and learne to refuſe them.
Find a rich Sier, and note his diſpoſition,
How he is giuen to baſeneſſe or ambition;
And with thy bending lay his Land aboord,
That he may be thy ſlaue, thou his Lord.
„ Yet beare in hand as though thou wiſh't him good:
„ Ther's more waies then one, to goe to the wood.
If that thy friend doe lacke a little wit,
And in his humour frame an idle fit.

To

To take a wife; and and vse thee for his wooing,
Speake for thy friend, but for thy selfe be doing:
„ If thou find'st her worth the catching take her,
„ If not, let thy friend be sure to haue her.
For euery friend, is to his friend a debter:
To loue him as himselfe, but not no better,
But for thy selfe, if thou hast got a wife;
Make shew to loue her dearely as thy life.
Though for thy quiet, thou could'st be content
A little monie were at her buriall spent,
And let that charge, be of thy greefe the ground,
For many wiues, are better lost then found.
„ Take heed (my *Son*) how, and where thou do'st woo,
„ For Widdowes are wanton, and Maidens too.
„ She that hath had many husbands cannot loue,
„ She that ne're had none who knowes how she'l proue?
„ Great chance, but yong wenches are tried before
„ And middle age, must needs paie the olde score.
„ Old women hold out whiles a stumpe doth last,
„ Sweet meates to old folkes haue a gratious tast:
But if thou come vnto the second matching:
Haue carefull heed, for feare of conicatching,
Who in their hole, will vndermine so fast;
The'ill leaue their Lordship like the Land of waste:
„ For many priuie banquets, must be had,
„ Which being known, would make a man starke mad.
„ They must haue pleasure, tut; let the World slide
„ Sit fast for falling, when thou mean'st to ride,
„ It is no iesting matter my friend, quoth he,
„ To ride a gauld Cut, Iaded thou shal be,
„ Who will wince and kicke, and lie in the dust,
„ Follow not an old Iade that loueth lust.
„ That is a plague that's worse then all the rest,
„ Though she be rich, yet her filth detest.

„ Doe

„ Doe not delight, in an old greſie flut
„ Whoſe loue is to fill a greedie gut.
„ She'll ne're be ſatisfied, vntill the earth;
„ Receiues her corps, and ſtoppeth vp her breath,
Suſpect thy will be wearie of thy will
Then learne to ſpare, but neuer learne to ſpill,
Part with no coyne but vpon conditon,
With humble countenance ſhadow ambition,
„ Muffle thy ſelfe ſometimes to keepe vnknowne
„ For by a knaue thou maiſt be ouerthrowne,
„ Take heed of the Counters, tis a great greeſe
„ To lie in Prizon without releeſe,
„ Be not a Pandor, for then thou art ſham'd
„ Take heed of a wild Coult thats neuer tam'd
„ Yet of all theſe, if thou canſt gaine by them
„ Haue eare vnto, but be not ſeene in them
„ Let ſimple wits carrie away the blame.
„ The reproch, the rumours and all the ſhame,
„ When thou with ſlie countenance maiſt be ſure
„ Of ſome profit let them the paine indure,
„ Let all be doone, with ſhew of humbleneſſe:
„ So ſhalt thou receiue profit with thankfulneſſe.
Creep, Crouch, and kneele, vntill thou be aloft
But then, ſit faſt, for feare thou fall not ſoft.
„ The ſtately *Streames* that kindly begins to flow
„ Affords content, in ſpight of whom ſayes no,
„ The pleaſãt *Spring*, faier morn's of pleaſure ſends
„ And to each Creature pleaſant gifts extends:
„ The louely *Birdes*, on branches ſits ſtill ſinging;
„ Reioicing at thoſe ſtately flowers then ſpringing,
„ But ſee how time turnes backe, and croſſeth all
„ Thoſe dates expir'd, begins a heauie fall, ſent)
„ Thoſe flowing ſtreames, that gaue that kind con-
To ebbe is turned, and all their ſtrength is ſpent.

„ Those mornes of May, where *Flora* shin'd so bright
„ Are now forlorne, made darke by winters night,
„ Those *Birds* whose cheareful tunes did pleasure giue
„ Are now inforst to seeke them holes to liue,
„ Where mournefull tunes, records their heauy state.
„ That enuious time, hath altered thus their fate:
„ Behoulde in this, and all that's called pleasure,
„ How it is crost by times euill measure.
„ Who would seeme rich, although he hath store,
„ But closely keep his treasure euermore,
„ And to himselfe, be euer such a friend:
„ That to himselfe he may his monie lend?
„ Be circumspect still, when thou art in grace,
„ Let not vaine toyes, thy honour then disgrace:
Be rich I say, nay boy be rich, and wise:
Gold is an actious mettle for the eyes,
Why? rich men haue much monie and gaie geare:
And goodly houses, and most daintie cheare;
Faire wiues, fine pictures, playes and morris-dances;
And many cheates: that come by many chances.
Fine Ciuet boxes, sweet perfumes, and waters,
And twentie other such kind of matters.
While the poore man, that pines for want of friends:
May sit and sigh, and picke his fingers ends,
And euery morning wash his face with teares
And wipe his blubbered cheekes with sheualed heares,
„ It is a heauie sence, where coyne is wanting
„ At such a time of care, friends are scanting,
„ When needie guests comes to a feast to dine
„ They must content themselues, and drink no Wine,
„ Small beere must suffice, aye: and say tis well,
„ Wine must be kept, for *Diues* going to Hell,
„ This slender care of pouertie is had:
Which doth inforce them euer to be sad

And walke abroad, for sorrowes recreation
Or starue himselfe, or feed on contemplation:
„ Sorrowes companion, and all forlorne,
„ And of euerie Creature held in scorne,
„ His head hangs downe, his armes lockt one in one:
„ To none but hilles and echoes make his mone.
„ Resounding care, a heauie dolefull breath.
„ No better pillow then his his mother earth,
„ Speaking to the aire as to a friend:
„ That should his miserie some comfort lend.
Make curtsie to the shadow of any food
And glad to get a looke or halfe a word,
Blush and fall backe, when gaie folke come in place
And start to looke a Ladie in the face,
Talke to the ayre, where no man list to heare him,
Or plod alone, where no man will come neare him,
„ Dispaire is all his food to nourish bloud
„ A feareful state, hard to be vnderstood
„ What grieuous hell is want affecting still:
„ A hungrie heart, a hungrie soule to kill?
„ What woe is waut, where no man will releeue
„ A poore distressed soule that still doth grieue?
And thus recording of a heauie care,
He feeds perhaps vpon a hungrie fare,
Till that some good Knight or learned gentleman
That will not be a *Machauillian*,
But can make vse of afflicted braines,
And gather profit from their toyling paines,
May hap to grace him with his countenance
Giue him a blew coate and a cognizance,
An old cast doublet, or a paire of boots,
Feed him with browne bread small beere hearbes and roots:
And now and then perhaps a peece of meate,
That scarce a man would giue a *Dogge* to eat:

Or after happily some good seruice done,
Make him tutor, to his yongest Sonne.
Laugh at those *Beggers*, speake in scorne of pelfe:
Care thou for nothing, but to inrich thy selfe.
For trush reports, that doltes of thriftie intreat,
If thou be rich, thou quickly mal'lt be great
„ Why? then thou shalt bee sought vnto and praisd,
„ And manie wayes to dignities be raisd
„ Thy name shall be extold by *Poets* Pen;
„ And brauely attended on by Seruing men.
„ Bookes shall be dedicated to thy worth:
„ To aduance thy glorie, thy fame set forth.
„ Thou shalt be wise, and plac'st in iustice to,
„ Though thou want will, all this thy wealth can doe.
„ Thinke no man wise, but he that gathers wealth,
„ And keep the diet that preserues the health.
„ Doe not with gluttons feed, though they woe thee,
„ Nor with Drunkards vse, though they pay for thee,
„ If thou be with a glutton at a feast,
„ He'll wish thee choked, if thou feed on the best,
„ And eye thee too, and thinke thou do'st him wrong.
„ To eate one bit, that to his chops belong,
„ Let gluttons grease their dogs alone for thee
„ They are not for thy profit, take that of me,
„ Drunkards are vilde, but not so ill as those
„ Hee like a braue bully cheares vp his nose
„ With a rich colour, set with pearles and stone,
„ Whiles *Gluttõs* hungry chaps make clean the bones.
„ He'll call his neighbour in, and make him drinke
„ A glutton like a beast, doth beastly stinke,
„ Of any ill, the least is to be chusd:
„ Yet best of all, when all is quite refusd
„ With good aduice, manage so thy doings:
That thou be not troubled much with loosings.

Trauell with ease, take heed of taking cold,
And next to God take comfort in thy gold.
Commit no secrets to thy second selfe,
For neuer it was *Ape* but plaide the *Elfe*:
„ To womens trust, 'tis paine to trust vpon,
„ Greatest secrets, from them are soonest gone:
„ Their closets cannot hold a thing forbidden;
„ Yet desires to know a thing that's hidden:
„ Their nature's verie weake, their frailties much;
„ Thei'l loue him very well that is exceeding rich.
Set snares for Wodcocks, pitfales for small birds,
And catch a foole with nothing but faire words.
Kill not a fly and let a flea alone,
That sucks the blood, and neuer hurts the bone.
File not thy fingers with a filthie slut,
And ride not often on a gald backt Cut.
„ Keepe not a Curre, that no good profit yeelds:
„ A lurching *Dog* will range about the fields.
Feare not a shaddow, but auoid a danger:
And keepe not a iade at racke and manger,
„ Which will quite eat thee out of house & home;
„ Thy selfe remaine a dunce, a very mome,
„ With ridiculous termes thou shalt be scoft,
„ Thy lodging cold, in the streetes very oft.
Perswade no Prince, from his choice of pleasure,
Nor a rich man from his loue of treasure.
„ For if thou with *Monarkes* meddle to farre;
„ It must perforce procure a mightie iarre,
„ Or if thou prie but neere a rich mans cheste;
To him thou shalt be an vnwelcome gueste:
But if he be rich, whatso'ere he be;
Seeme in thine honnor, to be iust as he.
If he be poore, then let him beg alone,
It is a trade that few grow rich vpon.

„ The best *Beggers* are accounted idle,
„ Riding a stumbler, hold fast the bridle.
„ A *Souldiers* wants these daies hath seldome aide;
„ To follow warres it makes men much dismaide;
„ Though ventering life and goods, with losse of limmes:
„ What rich *Domesticall* a man esteemes,
„ At his returne, his worth though nere so great;
„ Scarce giue a looke, or scarce a bit of meat,
„ If such worthie men shall want, deseruing this;
„ Looke not thou for comfort in distresse.
„ Keepe thou at home, as home-bred slaues doe vse,
„ Whose cankered hearts, bright honor doth abuse,
„ And feede on fat, like lubbers take their ease.
„ Let those that list attempt to crosse the Seas:
„ When *Diues* loue, is only in his wealth:
„ When toiling *Lazers* counted naught but filth:
„ Greeuous vnto all horror t'is to see;
„ Delight in gold as these else shalt thou be.
Learne to know Kingdomes, Nations, and their natures,
Their lawes, their iudgements, *Male* and *Eternall* creatures,
And how their wealth doth grow, by *Warre* or peace,
And how their quarrels grew, and how thee cease.
How they may be offended or defended;
And how their states begun, and which way ended:
But in all noates, noate this of all,
How thou mai'st rise, whoeuer hap to fall.
„ Let thy Religion be of what sort it will,
„ Be thou of that Sect, seeke to humour still.
„ Doe not with a shame fa'st bashfulnesse doe it:
„ But with a manly courage run ne through it:
„ As if to such Sects, thou had'st beene euer bred,
„ By which meanes thou mai'st be the better fed.
If thou hast a partner in thy stock,
And both your wealthes do rest vnder one lock:

And if thy partner ride abroad for pleasure,
And put thy faith in trust with all his treasure:
At his returne, doe vpon quarrels stand,
When thou hast got his wealth into thy hand:
Say in accounts, he hath deceiued thee
Although thou know'st no such matter be:
„ Seeme exceeding earnest and speake aloud:
„ No maruell though of late you were so proud:
„ Must my purse needes be thus at your command?
„ Tis very true? you haue made a faire hand:
„ Thus raile at him that he may shame to heare thee:
„ Act it well, he may begin to feare thee:
When if he will not take what thou wilt giue him;
To course of law, for his best comfort driue him;
Where whiles he railes on thy ill conscience,
Thy patience closely will put vp his pence.

„ Rayle thou still on his ill husbandry,
„ So men may thinke, he spent lasciuiously:
„ Commending thee that thou look'st to't in time
„ Raising on him abroad, a grieuous crime.
But whatsoeuer honest mindes surmise,
Wealth with the wealthie, makes the wealthie wise.
Be rich therefore I say, be rich my *Sonne*
For wealth will sway the World when all is done.
„ If these counsels will not make thee rich
„ Nor procure thy further profit small or much,
„ By preuenting mischiefes that may befall thee
„ What counsell then shall I farther giue thee?
„ The courses of the world, I shew thee plaine
„ As in a *Mappe*, all dangers to refraine,
„ Which had they beene in time foretold to me
„ I might auoide that which now I see,
„ Head strong youth in promotion cannot sit
„ Their fickle age hath manie an idle fit.

,, Following those humours that please them best,
,, Which is a hinderance to their quiet rest:
,, But things foretold, may easily be past.
,, It is not good to thrust things vp in haste,
,, Be happy then in learning of this good:
,, Want is the meanes that partes kind brother-hood.
,, Thou seest enough, if reason may suffise,
,, All is laid open heere before thine eyes,
,, As in a glasse thou rightly mai'st behold,
,, How thy state stands, if thou wantest gold:
,, Then on my blessing learne these rules of mine;
,, Another day surely it will be thine.

FINIS.

THE ANSWER TO

MACHIAVELS vncasing.

BVt now my sonne, that thou hast learnd this lore,
Vpon my blessing looke on it no more,
Except it be by ill to know the good:
But yet take heed it be not misunderstood.
Be that thou seem'st to be in word and deed,
Least *Pater noster* put thee from thy Creed.
Faire speech is good, but keepe not a fowle mind,
For hollow hearts are of a hellish kind.
" Backbiters and dissembling tongues are vilde,
" From heauens happinesse by heauen exild,
" Against such horrid deeds is woe pronounc'd,
" A wofull share from blessednesse renounc'd.
A good beginning makes a blessed end,
And hold him for a dog that hath no friend,
" His case is ill when no man will respect him,
" But worst of all, when vertue doth neglect him.
Receaue no bribes to fill a rusty chest,
A quiet conscience is a kingly feast.
" Content doth shine where vertuous men doe dwell,
" A vicious life deserueth nought but hell.
" Labor not by vnlawfull meanes to gaine,
" When meanes vnlawfull breeds a wofull paine.
And t'is a heauy sence in sorrowes rowle,
To saue the body, and to kill the soule.

Affect the wise, and with the learned talke,
And with the learned often make a walke.
" And such as thy companions shall be,
" Euen such rewards shall be bestowed on thee.
" Where grauity remaines, there still resort,
" Where modesty doth dwell, with such consort:
" So shalt thou be, beloued still of all,
No scandals then shall seeke to worke thy thrall.
Remember nothing that thou dost not write,
For danger doth but fearefull hearts affright:
" And with charity loue thy neighbour so,
" That by no meanes thou seekst his ouerthrow:
" Haue carefull care, to euery man giue right,
" Regard kinde words, in kindnesse haue delight,
In honors cause maintaine thy reputation,
And hold loue good for reasons recreation.
Sooth no ill cares with idle flattery,
Honor the *Bride*, but doe the *Groome* no rye.
Performe thy word, but promise not too much,
With rich and poore, be carefull to keep touch:
With great and small be sure to keepe measure,
And scorne no trifle, that may doe thee pleasure:
" For he that scorneth much, deserueth hate,
" An infamie that neere expireth date;
" Such long lasting euils (*my Sonne*) refraine,
What losse so ere it be vnto thy gaine.
Frequent the Church with faith and true deuotion,
And doe not step too fast into promotion;
For farre more greefe is in a headlong fall,
Then if thy care, had neuer climde at all.
" Be content with such meanes that god doth send,
" A patient heart doth gaine a happy end.

" Why.

" Why shouldst thou toile thy selfe for pelfe,
" When death ends all approaching still by stealth,
" And crops the blossomes of our whole delight,
" By winter stormes, by time and darkesom night?
" What booteth then to burthen thus thine age,
" With heauy clogs, for which thy soule is at gage,
" Where in woe and thraldome still remaining,
" Except by Christ thou purchase thy redeeming.
Be wisely kind to euery quality,
And euer keepe good hospitality.
" A miserable house is vilde men say,
" Ill gotten goods, are quickely spent away:
" Those that so neerely scrape their welth together,
" Another throwes it about, and cares not whether.
At thy owne charge, keepe thy *Horses* stable,
And seeke no banquet at a beggers table:
For a true minde had rather starue then eate,
Where Churles and seruants grudge a stranger meat.
" Come not to a hungrie house for diet,
" Where spies and tel tales bring all out of quiet;
" Rather for thy quiets sake, liue with bread,
" Then mongst talemongers seeke to be fed.
" What is thine owne to eate, none can grudge,
" A backebiter must needes be a drudge,
" Whose owne reports disgraceth him at last,
" Cause he himselfe hath made the greatest wast.
" Be free from this; great danger lies therein,
" To men offence, to God a greeuous sinne.
Iest not with cowards, for they will but erie,
And as for *Bawdes* pitty their beggery:
" Lament the wofull state wherein they stand,
" And rightly note, the poison in their hand;

" Which

" Which soone breaks forth, and makes the body foule,
" But tenne times worse, it putrifies the soule.
Arithmetick is in euery trade,
But true accounts are to be made:
For when the last count reckning is cast vp,
Then shall the crafty take their poysned cup.
" And tast the iuyce of that they haue deserued,
" For which deedes by doome it is reserued
" Where no woe or horror shall be wanting,
" Though gold to them on earth was not scanting.
" Desire no gaine, where vice doth leade the ring,
" It is a profit that thy paine doth bring.
For *Lions, Beares, Wolues, Apes*, and *Asses*,
Learne them to figure honors looking glasses,
And haue a care to carry so thy selfe,
No storme may driue thy ship vpon a shelfe.
" Many dangers lies hid to thee vnknowne,
" No corne comes vp sometimes where seed is sowne.
" Enuious men sowes tares the Scripture saies,
" Auoid them then, and quite forsake their waies:
" Let not earths pleasures leade thy heart away,
" Which is transitory, will soone decay,
" And still doth passe on earth, from hand to hand,
" Neuer constant, nor neuer fixme doth stand.
Swallowes doe feed on flies, but light they flye,
Whiles *Epicures* in too much feeding dye,
" Wallowing in the sinke of sinnes filthines,
" Loathsome to behold, o're growne with beastlines.
" Spuing out the rankor of selfe delight,
" Which hath bred a cankor of endlesse spight.
By others harmes seeke not thy priuat good,
A bloody feast, is an vnkindly foode.

And to dissemble loue, is such an euill,
As nearest shewes the nature of the *Diuell*,
" To feede on blood a *murtherers* delight,
" If thou dissemble, thou yeelds no man right.
" To gaine by others fall a curse growes on,
" A heauy case when infants make their mone.
" The widowes note is heard, reuenge shee cries,
" For those ill gotten goods, which made thee rise.
To helpe thy friend, doe not forbeare thy hand,
And for thy credit, sell both goods and land:
" For he that helpes his friend, in time of neede,
" It is in heauen inrold a friendly deed.
" When that with truth of heart, tis friendly done,
" No deed on earth is like to that my *Sonne*,
" Be constant still in friendshippe euermore,
" And of a true friend make thy chiefest store,
" What end were thou inricht, with goods and lands,
" But to the end thou shouldst be free from bands:
" Respect it not aboue the heauens pleasure,
" Which is the chiefest chiefe of all thy treasure.
Denie no friend when he doth friendly craue it,
For honest mindes will pay when that they haue it.
" A small matter sometimes doth helpe so much,
" That by such meanes a poore man may proue rich,
" Which else might bring a man vnto despaire,
" When for his helpe, he findeth naught but ayre,
" At wants instant, be helpefull euermore,
" And God will giue a blessing to thy store.
" Be doing this, but doe not boast a whit,
" For that dimmes all, and shewes thy lacke of witt:
" Or how canst thou haue grace, for this thy good,
" If thou backbitest in any angry moode?

" Reporting this thy kindneſſe done to any,
" It is not worth a pin though here ſo many,
" And thoſe that heare it will thinke thou maiſt lie,
" When that thou whiſpereſt things ſo priuily.
Let care of conſcience guide thee euery way,
To giue thee comfort on the holliday.
" Pry not at all in trades to offer wrong,
" Such baſeneſſe vnto raſcalls doth belong:
" Thoſe men deſeruing it, are fit for gaine,
" And fit'ſt of all to reape the pleaſure of their paine;
" The dead in peace doth reſt, yet liue they may;
" In endleſſe comfort, and in endleſſe ioy.
" Kinde charity amongſt men, and loue to all,
" May make vs ready for this heauenly call:
" That liuing here, wee die to liue againe;
" In heauenly bliſſe, euerlaſting to remaine.
And if thou be a *Courtier* know thy grace,
And ſeeke in heauen to haue a dwelling place.
And if on earth, ſuch ſeruice profit brings,
What ſhall he haue that ſerues the King of Kings?
" Let vertues care, ſo guide thy conſcience ſtill,
" Thou neerely looke to all, but none to ill;
" What though the prouerbe old, be proued true;
" Or that ſome croſſes on this earth enſue;
" Or that the deſtinies doe frowne on thee,
" Or that no rich reward will come neere thee?
" Yet if thou be free from vices folly,
" Thou art in heauen as pure a Saint as any.
" Which is a Court, where thou ſhalt haue a place,
" Where none ſhall ſeeke thine honor to deface.
And if thou breſt a ſcholler and canſt preach,
With ſimple truth thy ſimple audience teach:

" With

"With feruencie of heart seeke to wooe them.
"To Gods true knowledge, seeke still to bring them:
"Be not carelesse of a charge so weightie;
"Giuen thee by thy God Almighty.
But feed thy flocke, thou hast in hand to keepe,
Least that thou proue a wolfe vnto thy sheepe.
Feeding on them, that should haue food from thee;
"In bad estate their case is like to be.
"Attempt not thou at all a labor so diuine,
"Except thou canst this earthly state resigne;
"And liue to loue thy God, thy flocke, thy sheepe;
"So will thy care be good thy flocke to keepe.
But whatsoeuer here bee thine estate,
There is none poore, but he that God doth hate,
"Hee's poore indeed, his case of all is worst;
"No ill so vile, of all ils most accurst.
If that thou be a *Souldier* sucke no blood,
To knightly mindes, vnknightly food;
"With conscience let poore *Souldiers* haue their pay,
"Then they will follow thee with loue and ioy:
"But if too neerely thou dost pinch or poule,
"It may be burdensome vnto thy soule,
"And want of pay, is the death of many,
"Yeeld them due, and neere accus'd for any.
Of honors title, who doth trulie hold,
Shall finde it in mercie, not in gold.
If that thou be a *Lawyer* iudge the right,
And let no briberie blinde a blessed sight,
For thou shalt finde it written in mercies roule,
Better a thredbare gowne, then a thredbare soule.
"Tis pittie that right should be ouercome,
"Or pouerty to pleade to want a roome:

" Alas how heauy is their case in this,
" For want of fees, a rightfull case to misse ?
" Yet haue (thou) some conscience, be rul'd by mee,
" Pitty poore sutors in necessitie.
" Let not mighty men oppresse their right,
" Nor ouerthrow their states by power and might.
" In doing this, thou shalt haue double fee,
" A heauenly Paradice thy reward shall bee.
" Besides on earth thy fame shall spread abroade,
" What curtesie to poore thou did'st affoord,
" This cannot chuse, but bring thee into grace,
" And by desert obtaine a higher place.
" The law is iust, on reason wisely grounded,
" Wanting it our state is soone confounded.
And if thou be a *Marchant*, know thy cares,
And doe not wound thy conscience with thy wares,
Least in repentance all too late thou finde,
The gaine is lost that feeds a greedy minde.
" What bootes thy toile and trafficke on the Seas,
" Thy hazard of life, disturbing of thine ease,
" Thy boisterous blasts, and stormes so cold,
" Which thou indur'st, thy selfe by time made old,
" Thy riches, when happy returns are made,
" Those pretious pearles, whose colours neuer vade,
" When that thy conscience shall be working so
" How thou maist worke thy brothers woe,
" By thy ill wares, trusted at such a rate,
" By which meanes his paiment oft proues late.
" Then to suit of law thy conscience cries,
" Hee's in a heauy case in such danger lies.
" But far more worse is thine in time to come,
" When that thou dost cast vp the totall summe.

" When all deceiptfull gaines to losse shall turne,
" Where viccous pleasures shall haue time to mourne.
" A measure in gaine with quiet truly got,
" Is a perfect treasure that faileth not.
" For truth: light gaines dost make a heauy purse,
" Vnconscionable gaines a heauie curse.
" Then take thy choice, bat wisely chuse the best:
" Corrupted hearts euermore detest,
" Their wares are braide, yet fairely shewes to th'eye;
" But he that's rotten at the heart must die.
In briefe of what estate so ere thou be,
Let truth and conscience euer gouerne thee.
Let Clownes clap on their clowted shooes,
Seeke thou no earthly gaines the heauen to loose.
Let garments fit thy body, not thy minde.
And to thy friend, as to thy selfe proue kinde.
" Looke so wisely to euery action,
" That it may be thy soules satisfaction.
" And doe not seeke to rise by others fals,
" Be well prepared when the *Angell* cals;
" Doe not thou stand on rich mens fauors here,
" But loue thy Christ, his loue is passing deere;
" And make the winde serue to a good intent,
" And know to what end thy ritches are sent.
" Hoyse vp saile to heauens happinesse,
" Where thou shalt arriue with great blessednesse;
" There thou maist be welcome though wanting gold:
" And not by earthly wants thy ioyes controld:
" No pouerty shall part thee from that society,
" But bring thee to thy ioyes eternitie:
" Though welth doth die the colour here in graine,
" In heauen tis held most base in great disdaine.

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" When gluttons in horror shall appeare,
" Her raiment then shall be euerlasting,
" When her foes their bitter cup are tasting;
" Then let conscience gouerne thy state aright,
" That thou maist behold this euerlasting sight.
An honest minde in euery trade doth well,
The winde blowes ill that blowes the soule to hell.
" Doe not before the *Diuell* a Candle hold,
" Seeke no corrupt meanes for siluer or gold.
If that thy wife be faire, be thou not foule,
To let her play the *Ape*, and thou the *Owle*.
" Winke at no faults, it is but misery,
" By bestiall meanes to releeue necessity;
" If thou bee a *Husband* gouerne so thy wife,
" That her peeuish meanes worke not thy strife;
" Giue her not too much lawe, to run before,
" Too much boldnesse doth bring thy ouerthrow:
" Yet abridge her not too much by any meane,
" But let her still be thy companion.
And to thy daughter proue a better sire,
Then like a hacknie let her out to hire.
" What a greeuous case were this for thee,
" To extoll thy selfe to prosperity,
" By such insatiat meanes, a heauy sense,
" Deseruing nought but hell for recompence.
" Like a kinde father loue thy children deare,
" Yet to outward view let not loue appeare,
" Least too boldly they presuming on thy loue,
" By audacious meanes doe audacious proue,
" Seeme not a companion in any case
" To thy children, learne them know who's in place;

" That due obedience to thee be done,
" The end must needes be good, that's well begonne.
" Thus may thy children be at thy commaund,
" With willing heart, still helpefull at thy hand,
" Familiarity contempt doth breed,
" By no meanes doe thou stoope vnto thy seede:
" Whilst the twig is yong, bend it as thou list,
" Once being growne, thei'll stubbornely resist;
" Caring not for parents nor their talking,
" Commending their owne wits, age is doting.
" Looke well to youth, and how their time is spent,
" Least thou by leasure afterwards repent:
" What though thy child grow rich, thy self grow pore,
" Wilt thou afford him reuerence therefore?
" Imperfection to thine age that doth show:
" Let children expresse what duty they owe,
" And not be blinded with a selfe conceipt;
" To wise men hate, to fooles a pleasing bait.
" Let thy care be great, for Childrens good,
" It is a charge thats hardly vnderstood:
" Vse no corrections in an angry vaine,
" Which will but vexe thee much, increase thy paine:
" And rashnes euermore repentance cries,
" Giue due correction, therein be wise:
" The greefe is thine, when children goe astray;
" Giue them not too much liberty to play,
" Least that they doe to a custome bring it,
" And euer after forbeare to leaue it.
" Vrge not with violence thy childrens woe,
" As cruell parents many times doe so;
" Which to despaire may carelesly driue them,
" When that their care doth carelesly leaue them,

"To run at randome shifting as they may,
"Alas, it is a heauie case I say.
"Let not children vrge their parents vnto ire,
"But with duty doe what they shall require.
"With obedient hearts obedience show,
"Such true obedience to them you owe.
"Thinke it not a trifle to forbeare it,
"When Gods commandement doth require it.
"A blessing great, besides he hath reserued,
"Whose dutie hath this due deserued.
"Honour thy parents, long may be thy daies,
"Happie in all, and blessed are thy waies.
"Be not stubborne at all, it breeds disdaine,
"That which they forbid thee that refraine.
"This is the course, that thou their loue maist haue,
"Wise parents, childrens hurt will neuer craue.
"But with fatherly care admonish them so,
"That selfe conceipt, worke not thy ouerthrow:
"Which now adaies doth raigne too much in all,
"No maruell then so many youth doe fall,
"When parents counsell is thus reiected,
"And their hourely care so much neglected.
"*Salomon* saies, smile not on thy daughter,
"Least thou repent it euer after.
"Then to sonnes and daughters let care be such,
"That thou and they in vertue may be rich.
"Seeme not to laugh at any vnseemely iest,
"A meane in all, in all is euer best.
And for thy seruants, let no *Belly* swell,
A baudy house is but an earthlie hell.
"Keepe not an eye seruant within thy doore,
"Which will but seeke to vexe thee euermore.

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" And scoffingly answere with taunting words,
" A beastly tricke is all a iade affoords.
" If that thou findst a tell tale in thine house,
" Be watching still as a cat for a mouse.
" Such seruants can neuer be true nor iust,
" Who backebites in secret, such [illegible]ener trust.
" Much discord by such is bred oft times,
" When most themselues deserueth greatest crimes.
" Be not familiar with seruants in any case,
" But let them with dutie respect their place.
" Giue but an inch, they'll quickely take an ell,
" A wise tale to a foole, tis vaine to tell.
In Law and Phisicke haue a conscience,
In making gaine of thy experience.
Least that thy Clients crie and Patients death,
Doe make thee crie out in the hell beneath.
" Where grecuous horrors shall still affright thee.
" Let vertues loue euermore delight thee.
" Which is a gaine sufficient for thy store,
" A perfect ioy delightfull euermore.
By wicked plots doe not proule for pelfe,
Let thy soules care be neareſt to thy selfe.
" So shall all thy waies prosper and be free,
" From thraldome want and great necessity.
" No woe shall once approch where vertue shines,
" What needes thou care, though vicious men repines.
" Their blasts as bubbles, soone doth passe away,
" Themselues in little time comes to decay.
If thou be rich abandon wicked pride,
And doe not on the horse of Enuie ride,
" Least he carry thee with an easie way,
" Vnto thy ouerthrow and great decay.

Seeke not the well-deseruing to disgrace,
Nor put the vertuous spirit out of place.
And sooth no humors in an euill minde,
For poisned breath is of a poisned kinde:
And though to hurt a few to hurt a manie,
Be good, it better not the hurt of any.
" What bootes small gaines when greater losse doth fall?
" By such measure, seeke not to get at all.
" Be patient and wise in extremitie,
" Thou maist the sooner come to prosperitie.
" As gentle dewes, kindlie cause flowers to spring,
" Patience gaines content, though misery be long.
" Let truth in euery thing be thy companion,
" And vice ore thee shall neuer get dominion:
" Thou hast a bulwarke that defends thee,
" And a trustie friend that treasure lends thee:
If that thy friend doe trust thee with his loue,
Vnto his trust doe not a traitor proue;
Least he that seeth thy ill gotten treasure,
Doe pay thee home with an euill meaten measure:
" Though thy gaines be small and trauell great,
" Thou art certaine to come to iudgement seat.
" To receaue a guerdon due to thy deeds,
" A blessed food, that blessed creatures feedes:
" Neuer wanting but still possest with store,
" Which makes thee rich, though seeming nere so pore.
Be faithfull to thy wife, firme to thy friend,
And constant in religion to the end.
" Doe not humor euery sect for priuat gaine,
" It is a greeuous sinne, a greeuous paine;
" Against the holy ghost a sinfull deed,
" Then vse it not, what euer be thy neede:

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"Religion is sacred pure diuine,
"It is a heauenly map, a heauenly signe.
"It is that burning lampe that shines so bright,
"Being with truth receiued, a true delight.
"Seeke not thou to depraue religious truth,
"Least thou increase thy paine and endlesse ruth,
"For chiefest learning thereon is grounded,
"And all errors from thence quite confounded.
Be rich and wise, in this good wit my boy,
That death nor hell, nor Diuell can destroy.
"Let thy chiefest pleasure be to seeke that gaine,
"That afterwards may neuer turne to paine.
"Who so, but for the present time doth care,
"Oft times is inforst to be poore and bare.
"And when those present pleasures past and gone
"As much the nere, if he had nere seene none.
"Then time to accompt doth call this follie,
"Checking him for all those deeds vnholy.
"How he his time, so loosely spent in vaine,
"Which being spent, can nere be had againe.
"Then with ifs and ands he begins to say,
"Had I knowne this, fore time had past away,
I had preuented that which now I finde,
But time is past, and thou tookst hold behind.
"Where naught remaines but a scull death portraiture,
"(As time doth passe,) it is of all most sure,
"To spend this precious time it is a woe,
"Without regarding how the houres doth goe.
"When time makes full the houres of times accompt,
"Asking how much the totall doth amount.
"Then all ill times by time vntimely spent,
"Shall by that time, haue time then to repent.

" But all too late, sith time was once refus'd,
" And time so deerely lost, so much abus'd.
" The date is out, 'tis true: the Clocke hath strooke,
" Time kindlie offered all when all forsooke.
" This gem of worth most pretious is to youth,
" But their selfe-wils hates knowledge of the truth,
" Which should bring their tender age vnto blisse,
" The right way to that perfect happinesse.
" Which wold shew thē how they should spend the day,
" With due respect, how to spend the time away;
" Not by idlenesse, or foolish fansies,
" Subiect to manie vitious mischaunces.
" Which luls their age with pleasure fast asleepe,
" Such pleasures they were better loose then keepe.
" Tell thou the Clocke, as houres doth passe away,
" And thinke how time doth turne all flesh to clay.
Serue God, thy King, be to thy countrie true,
Liue till thou diest, then bid the world adue.
" But liue in that sort, that thou diest with fame,
" That after death men giue thee a good name.
" Which as Chronicles may last for euer,
" In liuing thus thy life endeth neuer.
" If to thy King thy proueſt vntrue vniust,
" Who will afterwards giue thee any trust?
" Then to thy *Prince*, giue due obedience,
" And to thy betters seemely reuerence.
" So shall thy fame on earth be had in store,
" And heauenly blessings giuen thee euermore.
" If to Countrie thou hast a traytchers heart,
" Thy words are worse then a deepe venomd dart.
" Swine eats the flowers, then nusles vp the roote,
" And none but beastly mindes will surely doo't.

" Or offer to spoile that, by which they'r bred.
" Or betray the Country, in which they'r bred.
" How manifest it is, of such mens liues,
" How their courses euermore basely thriues.
" Some themselues vntimely death doth bring,
" Others, in greefe of conscience still mourning.
" Some wandring here, some there in wofull greefe,
" Others pining in streets, and wants reliefe.
" Some starke mad doth run, quite distract of all,
" Others, in vaine, for comfort out doth call.
" Some in forraine countries desires a place,
" But gnawing conscience brings them to disgrace.
" Some with audacious face doth faine excuse,
" But God cries vengeance gainst so vild abuse.
" Some to *Magistrates* will sue for fauour,
" But poisned hearts doth of poyson sauour.
" And all that to such vildnesse bends their courses,
" Are left comfortlesse without remorses.
Machiauels rules let *Machiauels* reade,
Loue thou thy God, his spirit be thy speede.
" His loue is richer then siluer or gold,
" His home is Paradice the surest hold.
" His promise is sure, for euer iust,
" And tis the surest hope that thou canst trust.
" Thy *Ancor* being cast vpon that shore,
" Thy cable will hold fast for euermore.
" Loue not the world, to leaue true vertues loue,
" Least to thy destruction, it after proue.
" The worldes loue, is but faire fancies flower,
" Though seeming rich, yet wanting richest power.
Taxe no mans name in any euill matter,
But like a Christian pray for euery creature.

" Charitably wishing well to men,
" The like rewards shall come to thee againe.
" Let no mans name at all be wrong'd by thee,
" The wotsest euill, euer thine will be.
" When infamies thou raisest on thy brother,
Be sure, gainst thee thou shalt receiue none other.
" Such measure as thou meatest to thee is giuen,
" He liues vprightly that keeps all euen.
" But by good indeuour it may be gaind,
" Hate vice, the onely meanes it is obtaind.
" To be free from euill speach, a Christians care,
" Be a louer of vertue, vice forbeare.
Be sorrie for the euill thou hast done,
And goe on with the good thou hast begunne.
" A heart that's penitent true comfort findes,
" To finde remorse, the heauenly lawes it bindes.
" If thou beginnest any good, then proceed,
" Thou shalt finde it to be a blessed deed.
Pray for thy faith, that it may faile thee neuer,
So if thou diest, yet shalt thou liue for euer.
" Then shalt thou be brought to vertues pallace,
" To receiue the true comfort of thy solace.
" And for thy paine thou didst indure here,
" Thou euermore shalt finde a plenteous yeere.
" Where neither hunger cold nor any want,
" Shall hinder ioyes, or make thy pleasures scant.
" This is the benefit of a vertuous life,
" This is true vertues force, to end all strife.
" This is vertues garden full of flowres,
" Though on earth shee had many pinching houres.
" This is vertues path, rightly leades to blisse,
" This is vertues gift, his friends doth neuer misse.

" This

"This is vertues harbor void of cares,
"This is vertues bounty who neuer spares,
"This is vertues pallace, adorn'd with state,
"This is vertues gift, neuer comes to late,
"This is vertues Parke, infoulds her Deare,
"This is vertues care, who will not loose a haire,
"This is vertues armes, incircling round,
"This is vertue, which now her right hath found,
"This is vertueswalkes, whose aire's euer sweete,
"This is vertue her freinds doth kindly greete,
"This is vertues Citty, whose gates are fast
"Gainst all that of her name made spoile or wast,
"This is vertues banket howse, feeding all,
"This is vertue that heares the poore mans call,
"This is vertue that lou'd her parents kind,
"This is vertue that loue to all resign'd,
"This is vertue, releeuing friends in want,
"This is vertue whose loue was neuer scant,
"To any one that pouerty did respect,
"Who neuer will such kindnes once reiect,
"But kindly seeke, such kindnes to requite,
"And all her freinds shall haue their due and right.
"No cankered churles shall seeke to crosse her of her wil
"But in her place, shee remaines as *Empresse* still.
"Then seek (*my Son*) to serue this Goddesse pure diuine,
"Be howerly offring gifts vnto her sacred Shrine,
"Doe not leaue her seruice, for the worlds treasure,
"Esteeme her paine aboue the cheefest pleasure,
"Her paines are short, her ioies for euer lasting,
"Her loue is deare, her hate to sorrowes hasting,
"With reuerence (my child) kneele for her grace,
"Sue by petition in any case.

"And

"And neuer rest till thou hast got her fauour,
"And it will bee double worth thy labour;
"For thou such a mistres shalt haue of her:
"That for her seruants good none comes neare her:
"She giues her seruants old good meanes to liue,
"When vice her seruants out of doores doth driue,
"Shee helps her seruants in sicknesse and in health,
"On such preferments shee bestowes her wealth.
"Then be true seruant to such a mistris,
"Who at all times with willing hart releeues distresse.
"Be mindfull of my words, giuen out of loue,
"And happy to thy Father thou wilt proue.
"What in the beginning I did declare,
"Was but to shew thee what vaine courses are,
"That by the knowledge of them thou mightst beware
"How thou art caught in any vicious snare.
"Make vse of them, and wrest them to the best,
"And thou shalt find it yelds thee quiet rest.
"By any meanes doe not to vaine humors growe,
"Least that it quicly seeke thy ouerthrowe.
"Yeeld praise to God, in his lawes seeke to liue,
"And at his pleasure he will all things fitting giue.
"If thou find'st any thing written here
"That may to thy comfort any way appeare,
"Ti's all that I craue, or heart requireth,
"Who only for thy chiefest good desireth.
"If thankes thou wilt bestow, thou seemest kinde,
"If vnthankfull, thou hast a churlish minde,
"Sith all my labor is only for thy good,
"Desiring that it bee well vnderstood:
"Which if thou doest, thou shalt bee still my *Sonne*,
"Be true of heart what misery soeuer come.

"First

" Firſt to God giue praiſe, to Prince and Country true,
" Thy Parents reuerence, and ſoe my *Sonne* adue.
" *Machiauels* rules deny, yet vſe them as thy pleaſure,
" Falſe hearted friends defie, in all haue equall meaſure.
" Vſe all theſe to good intent, and boldly ſay,
" Thou maiſt with vertue, euermore keepe holiday.

FINIS.